

REFERENCE PASSAGE FOR STATEMENT OF DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

Passage Matthew 1:22-23: ²²“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” which means, “God with us.”

Passage John 1:1-4 – The Word Became Flesh: ¹“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”

Passage Philippians 2:5-11: ⁵“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Passage Colossians 1:13-22: ¹³“For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Supremacy of Christ ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, ²⁰and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. ²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now He has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – “

Passage John 16:7-13: ⁷“But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. ¹²I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.”

Passage 2 Peter 1:20: ²⁰“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation.”

Passage Genesis 1:27: ²⁷“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Passage Romans 3:23: ²³“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Passage Romans 6:23: ²³“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Passage Romans 10:9-10: 13: ⁹“that if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Passage Ephesians 2:8-9: ⁸“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Passage John 3:16: ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Passage Revelation 20:15: ¹⁵“If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Passage Acts 8:35-39: ³⁵“Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” ³⁸And he gave orders to

stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.”

Passage Ephesians 1:22-23: ²²”And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.”

Passage Ephesians 6:4: ⁴”Fathers, do not exasperate your child; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

Passage Proverbs 22:6: ⁶”Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

As stated on the Parents' / Guardians' Statement of Support, the parents and /or guardians acknowledge receipt of these doctrinal beliefs. Each faculty member also signs a statement affirming his or her adherence to these doctrinal positions.

God the Son: Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying himself completely with mankind, yet without sin. He offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all humanity by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate God's power over sin and death. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God. He is the only mediator and reconciler between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and rule as King of kings. (Matt. 1:22-23, John 1:1-5, Phil. 2:5-11, Col. 1:13-22, Col. 2-9, and Thess. 4:14-18).

God the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit enables men to understand the truth of the Gospel. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior and seals the believer until the day of redemption. He is present in the life of every believer enlightening them and empowering them to be used by and to know the eternal God. (John 16:7-13, Acts 1:8, Eph. 1:13, and Eph. 5:18).

The Bible: The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired by God. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It is the inerrant, infallible Word of God and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. (2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20, and Psalms 119:105).

Mankind: Man was created by God in His image and is the crowning work of creation. In the beginning, man was without sin and endowed by His Creator with freedom of choice. Man chose to rebel against God and brought sin into the human race; whereby all humanity has inherited a sin nature and an inclination toward sin. (Gen. 1:27 and Romans 3:23).

Salvation: Salvation is God's free gift to each of us. It cannot be earned. It must be received through the repentance of sins, faith in Christ, and the receiving of Jesus as one's eternal Master. (Rom. 6:23, Eph. 2:89, Rom. 10:9-10, and Rom. 10:13).

Eternity: God created mankind for the purpose of living and fellowshiping with Him forever. All who have experienced forgiveness and salvation through Christ Jesus will continue to exist eternally in the presents of God in heaven. Those without forgiveness and salvation will be eternally separated from God in hell. (John 3:16, Matt. 25:31, Rom. 6:23, and Rev. 20:15).

Baptism: Baptism is by immersion after conversion and a symbol of a relationship with Jesus Christ. Baptism does not make one a believer, but is rather a reflection of one's obedience to Christ Jesus. (Matt. 28:19-20, Mark 1:9-11, and Acts 8:35-19).

The Church: The New Testament church of Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are covenanted together by the fellowship of the gospel. The church observes two ordinances: baptism and the Lord's Supper. The church is an autonomous body operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The Bible also speaks of the church as the body of Christ, which includes the redeemed of all ages. (Matt. 16:15-19, Matt. 18:15-20, Acts 1:21-26, Acts 6:1-6, and Eph. 1:22-23).

The Home: In addition to these important beliefs, we also believe that God has given the parents and the home the responsibility to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Eph. 6:4, and Prov. 22:6). We believe that a consistent and whole education will occur when home, church and school work closely together and are in agreement on the basic concepts of life.

Thank you for reading these basic beliefs. Even if some of these are not your personal beliefs, we feel it is very important for you to know what our school believes and what your child will be taught.

Both parents / guardians MUST sign:

FATHER/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

MOTHER/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

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PARENT / GUARDIAN STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Please read the following statements. If there is any statement you cannot personally support, please initial it and discuss it with us. If you are honest and cannot support any one of these measures we would not necessarily prohibit acceptance into Maryville Christian School; however, we want you to know from the start the foundational premises of Maryville Christian School, our parental expectations, and how important it is to have your personal support.

1. We have received and read the "Statement of Doctrinal Beliefs" of the school and are willing to have our child(ren) educated in accordance with them.
2. We agree to support, to the best of our ability, the school's entire program through prayer and volunteer time contributions.
3. We will worship the Lord regularly at a Bible believing church.
4. We will fully cooperate in the educational activities of Maryville Christian School by doing our best to make Christian education effective in the lives of our child(ren).
5. We will require our child(ren) to support the spiritual activities of the school. (Chapel, bible classes, Scripture memory, etc.)
6. We will pay all of our financial obligations to Maryville Christian School on or before the date due. If we are ever unable to do so, we will notify the director, giving a reasonable explanation for the delay and stating when payment will be made.
7. The school reserves the right to place our child(ren) at the appropriate grade level and designate the appropriate teacher(s).
8. We will volunteer for duties and responsibilities for Maryville Christian School as opportunities arise and God provides the time and strength.
9. We will be faithful to attend all parent functions at Maryville Christian School, as best we can. These include open house, parent teacher/conference, fall celebration, Christmas programs, etc.
10. If we become dissatisfied with Maryville Christian School in any way we will strive to resolve the matter with the person(s) involved as privately and lovingly as possible, rather than spreading criticism, gossip and negativism. (Matthew 18:15-17; 5:23-24)
11. We will support and advance Maryville Christian School to use class pictures, photographs or video of my child in any promotional / educational materials, yearbook, school brochures, and video ads or on the website.

COVENANT

A covenant is a binding agreement between two parties. It signifies a solemn oath and sincere pledge of mutual respect and cooperation. MCS covenants to provide the best it can for your child(ren) in the way of facilities,

curriculum, faculty, social functions, and instruction. We further pledge to do all possible to support your home in growing every student in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. As the legal parents (guardians) of our child(ren), we covenant to support MCS in its efforts at Christian Education. We agree that it is our responsibility to strive diligently toward the observance of the "Parent / Guardian Statement of Support" as God enables us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Together, as a school and as parents (guardians), we pledge to submit our lives to one another and to the final authority of the Word of God.

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